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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CSCE NATO, FR  
SUBJ: FRENCH POSITION ON NATO CSCE PREPARATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: QUAI OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT PART OF  
FRENCH MOTIVATION IN TAKING POSITION AGAINST CSCE  
PREPARATIONS IN NATO IS FRENCH DESIRE TO AVOID GIVING  
OTHER MEMBERS OF NINE OPPORTUNITY TO REOPEN ISSUES WHICH  
HAVE ALREADY BEEN IRONED OUT AMONG NINE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN JULY 11 CONVERSATION QUAI OFFICIAL CONVERSANT

WITH NATO AFFAIRS OFFERED FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF FRENCH POSITION AGAINST FURTHER CONCERTATION OF CSCE PREPARATIONS IN NATO. DURING REVIEW AMONG THE NINE OF THE CSCE PAPER RECENTLY CIRCULATED IN BRUSSELS, FRENCH HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN WORKING OUT DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NINE. THERE WAS PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH THE DUTCH OVER ONE (UNSPECIFIED) ASPECT. SUBSEQUENTLY FRENCH LEARNED THAT DUTCH PLANNED TO ATTEMPT TO PUT FORTH IN THE FIFTEEN THE SAME POSITION THAT CAUSED DIFFICULTIES AMONG THE NINE AND ON WHICH THE DUTCH HAD LOST. THUS THE FRENCH WERE DETERMINED TO AVOID "DOUBLE JEOPARDY" BY PRECLUDING DUTCH OPPORTUNITY TO REOPEN ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: THE QUAI OFFICIAL SHOULD KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. HOWEVER, WE DEFER TO OUR COLLEAGUES AT USNATO TO EXPLAIN THE GROUND RULES ON PAPERS FROM THE NINE INTRODUCED IN NATO AND WHETHER THE GROUND RULES WOULD PERMIT A MEMBER OF THE NINE TO REOPEN AN ISSUE ALREADY "AGREED" AMONG THE NINE.

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